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SUBJECT: GOI ANNOUNCES LONG-AWAITED FIVE-YEAR DEVELOPMENT PLAN

FOR 1976-1980

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1. SUMMARY. BAGHDAD PRESS FOR JUNE 27 REPORTS
REVOLUTIONARY COMMAND COUNCIL (RCC) HAS APPROVED THE
LONG-AWAITED 1976-80 FIVE YEAR DEVELOPMENT PLAN. AS
EXPECTED, THE PLAN DOES NOT REPEAT NOT CONTAIN A LIST

OF MAJOR PROJECTS TO BE EXCUTED DURING THE REMAINER OF THE PLAN PERIOD. (END SUMMARY.)

2. THE SUMMARIZED PRESS REPORTS OF THE PLAN STREE THE NEED FOR CONTINUING THE REVOLUTIONARY PROCESSES INSTITUTED BY THE ARAB BAATH SOCIALIST PARTY WHICH AIM AT "ESTABLISHING ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE, SAFEGUARDING NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY AND BRINGING ABOUT SOCIAL PROGRESS."

3. THE PLAN SETS THE FOLLOWING TARGET ANNUAL GROWTH RATES:

A. GROSS NATIONAL INCOME: 16.8 PERCENT PER YEAR

B. PER CAPITA INCOME: 13.3 PERCENT PER YEAR

C. OIL AND MINING SECTOR: 15.5 PERCENT PER YEAR

D. PROCESSING INDUSTRY SECTOR: 32.9 PERCENT PER YEAR

E. AGRICULTURAL SECTOR: 7.1 PERCENT PER YEAR

F. DISTRIBUTION SECTOR: 16.9 PERCENT PER YEAR

G. PUBLIC SERVICES SECTOR: 10.4 PERCENT PER YEAR

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PUBLISHED REPORTS DO NOT INDICATE WHETHER THE TARGET GROWTH RATES FOR THE VARIOUS SECTORS ARE IN REAL OR MONETARY TERMS OR IN CONSTANT OR CURRENT DINARS.

- 4. THE PLAN AIMS AT DIVERSIFYING THE SECTORAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO GNP BY REDUCING THE PETROLEUM SECTOR'S SHARE TO 50.7 PERCENT OF GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT BY 1980. IT WAS 57.6 PERCENT IN 1975.
- 5. SOCIAL SERVICES ARE TO BE EXPANDED, ESPECIALLY IN THE COUNTRYSIDE, WITH A TRAGET GROWTH RATE OF 8.5 PERCENT PER YEAR.
- 6. THE SOCIALIST (PUBLIC) SECTOR IS TO INCREASE ITS ACTIVITIES IN VARIOUS (UNSPECIFIED) BASIC FIELDS AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR IS URGED TO WORK WITHIN THE GUIDELINES PRESCRIBED BY THE PLAN. SOCIALST SECTOR AGENCIES ARE DIRECTED TO "ADOPT ALL NECESSARY MEASURES" TO REVIEW AND PROPOSE DIFFERENT FORMS OF LEGISLATION IN AREAS WHICH IMPEDE ACHIEVEMENT OF PRESCRIBED GOALS.

7. COMMENT: AS ANTICIPATED, THE IRAQI FIVE YEAR DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOES NOT CONTAIN THE JUICY LIST OF MAJOR PROJECTS WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN MOST USEFUL FOR TRADE PROMOTION EFFORTS. ON THE OTHER HAND, IT SHOULD, IN ITS COMPLETE FORM, CONTAIN INTERESTING INDICATIONS OF HOW THE BAATHIST POLITICAL LEADERSHIP INTENDS TO DEVELOP AND DIVERSIFY THE ECONOMY IN A PRAGMATIC SOCIALIST FRAMEWORK. USINT WILL REPORT DETAILED ANALYSIS OF THE PLAN AS SOON AS THE FULL TEXT BECOMES AVAILABLE.

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